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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 23 May 1950

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following Soviet military rail shipments passed through Erfurt.

- a. West-bound trains

23 April 1950

Three trains carrying 18 tanks, forty-two 76.2-mm guns, 1 field kitchen and 20 trucks

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troops (in 29 boxcars) and furniture (on 6 railroad cars).

24 April 1950

Three trains carrying 24 tanks, forty-six 76.2-mm guns, one field kitchen, passenger cars and motorcycles (on 14 flatcars) and troops (in 32 boxcars).

25 April 1950

Three trains carrying 66 tanks, 12 long-barrelled 76.2-mm guns and troops (in 15 boxcars).

26 April 1950

Two trains carrying 30 tanks, 24 trucks and troops (in nine boxcars).

- b. East-bound trains

23 to 26 April 1950

Seven empty military trains which a total of 205 flatcars and 64 boxcars returning from Gotha toward Weimar. (1)

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2. 26 April 1950

A military train carrying 9 armored reconnais-
sance cars, 10 motorcycles, 10 jeeps, 10 trucks
[REDACTED] and troops
wearing red-bordered black epaulets (in eight
boxcars) was observed on the Wittenberg-Juster-
bog-Berlin line during the night. (2)

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3. 24 April 1950

A unit with six motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was entrained at the Wittenberg
railroad station. (2)

[REDACTED] Comment:

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- (1) Further shipments of tank and artillery units in
connection with the movement of the Eighth Gds
Army units to the Ohrdruf-Eisenach area. The
trains observed on 23 April 1950 carried com-
ponent units of the 20th and 21st Gds Recz Divs,

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- (2) Shipments of component units of the 6th Tank
Div [REDACTED] in
connection with the previously reported trans-
fer of this division to the Herder-Markendorf
training area.

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